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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/713)*]

55/238. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

The General Assembly,

I

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Taking full account of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects[3] and General Assembly resolution 55/135 of 8 December 2000, endorsing the proposals, recommendation and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in its report,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999 and 54/243 B of 15 June 2000 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Recalling also its resolutions 54/249 and 54/250 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling further its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

1. *Reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

[1] A/55/507 and Add.1.
[2] A/55/676.
[3] A/C.4/55/6.

2. *Agrees* with the views expressed by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations in paragraphs 34 and 35 of its report on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects;[3]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 363,000 United States dollars under section 3, Political affairs, 37,200 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services, and 19,200 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount (19,200 dollars) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001;[4]

5. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements in the amount of 9,190,200 dollars gross (8,741,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

6. *Agrees* with paragraph 36 of the report of the Special Committee[3] relating to proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

7. *Underscores* the importance of consultation with troop-contributing countries from the early stages of mission planning;

8. *Expresses deep concern* over the delay in reimbursement of troop contributors, which can cause hardship to all troop- and equipment-contributing countries, and requests the Secretariat to expedite the processing of all claims and present a progress report in this regard during the first part of the resumed fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

9. *Notes* that the related resource requirements presented by the Secretary-General in his report on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations[1] have been described by him as an emergency request, whereas, in terms of paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] it was acknowledged that not all the proposals in the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel could be classified as emergency requests;

10. *Regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel was not presented in accordance with rule 153 of its rules of procedures and with established practices, as pointed out in paragraph 3 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to comply strictly with those rules in the future;

11. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel has not been issued in compliance with the six-week rule;

12. *Takes note* of the intention of the Secretary-General to submit future reports to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions on the implementation of the recommendations in the report of the Panel, including the comprehensive review, requested by the Special Committee, of the management, structure, recruitment processes and

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1), vols I–III; ibid., *Supplement No. 6A* (A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1); and ibid., *Supplement No. 6B* (A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.2).

interrelationships of all relevant elements within the Secretariat that play a role in peacekeeping operations;

II

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

Reaffirming its resolutions 54/249 and 54/250 of 23 December 1999 and its other relevant resolutions,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on safety and security of United Nations personnel,[5] in particular its administrative and budgetary aspects, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions set forth in the present section;

2. *Decides* to consider the reclassification of the post of Deputy Security Coordinator from the D-1 level to the D-2 level in the context of its review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

3. *Also decides* to establish, effective 1 January 2001, eight additional Professional posts (two P-5 and six P-4) in the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator at Headquarters;

4. *Further decides* to establish, effective 1 January 2001, eight additional security officer (Field Service) posts (four P-4 and four P-3) and sixteen additional Local level posts;

5. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 2,210,000 dollars under section 30, Special expenses, and the amount of 238,400 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001,[4] for the Secretary-General to undertake the immediate measures for the strengthening of the security management system of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to develop, in coordination with executive heads of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, an effective mechanism for cost-sharing arrangements and, in this connection, to ensure that in future the costs of the security management system are included in the regular budget, to be managed by the United Nations, contingent upon a formal arrangement with the concerned agencies, funds and programmes for participation in the funding of security arrangements and reimbursement to the United Nations for services provided, under income section 2, General income, of the programme budget, and to submit proposals thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session through the Advisory Committee, and decides that, in the meantime, the established cost-sharing arrangements between the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes will remain in place until the Assembly decides otherwise;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, when presenting future reports under these agenda items, to continue to ensure that separate reports are presented;

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[5] A/55/494.

[6] A/55/658.

III

Revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,[7] and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 7 of its related report;[8]

IV

Capital master plan

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan;[9]

2. *Also takes note* of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained therein;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to a final decision by the General Assembly on this issue, to proceed with the preparation of a comprehensive design plan and detailed cost analysis for the capital master plan, and decides to appropriate an amount of 8 million dollars under section 31, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001[4] for this purpose;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the outcome of the comprehensive design plan and detailed cost analysis to the General Assembly as soon as possible, including details of measures designed to protect the Organization from cost overruns;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to ensure that the preparation of a comprehensive design plan and detailed cost analysis for the capital master plan will identify all viable alternatives in the most cost-effective and efficient manner;

V

International Court of Justice

1. *Approves* an additional appropriation of 591,900 dollars under section 7, International Court of Justice, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001[4] and an additional appropriation of 128,800 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

2. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to expedite its report on the review of the management and administration of the International Court of Justice[11] and to submit it, together with the comments of the Court thereon, for consideration by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-fifth session;

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[7] A/C.5/55/30.

[8] A/55/7/Add.6. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[9] A/55/117 and Add.1.

[10] A/55/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[11] See A/53/841, annex, para. 5.

VI

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the programme of work of the Institute for 2001

Approves the recommendation for a subvention of 213,000 dollars for 2001 from the regular budget of the United Nations, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001;[4]

VII

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions",[12] and approves the suggestions outlined in paragraphs 8 to 10 and in paragraph 19 of the report;

2. *Decides* to undertake a detailed examination of the issue of compensation relativity in the context of the next five-year review of the conditions of service and compensation for the three officials;

3. *Reaffirms* the principle that the conditions of service of the three officials should be separate and distinct from those of the Secretariat;

VIII

Review of the Information Systems Coordination Committee

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the Information Systems Coordination Committee,[13] and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 9 of its related report;[14]

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[12] A/C.5/55/29.

[13] A/55/619.

[14] A/55/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

IX

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001[15] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16]

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and as reaffirmed in its subsequent resolutions;

2. *Reaffirms also* its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999;

3. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001[15] and the related report and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[16]

4. *Notes* the higher than budgeted vacancy rate relative to the rate approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/249, and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures to rectify this situation in an expeditious manner;

5. *Approves* a net decrease of 34,642,200 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2000–2001 and a net increase of 19,097,000 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

X

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 224,300 dollars remains in the contingency fund;

XI

Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates,[17] and decides that the recosting and the related adjustments should be reflected in the revised appropriation for the biennium 2000–2001.

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[15] A/55/645 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[16] A/55/7/Add.5 and Corr.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[17] A/C.5/55/35.